

Ink Stings.

--Be careful lest you do not fall into the pit you dig for others.

--The negro miners of Alabama have quit work. This is certainly putting a dark face on the situation.

--The good effects of the once operative WILSON bill will knock the Republican calamity howl higher than GILROY'S kite.

--Eastward the course of hobos takes its way, but westward they will soar again, when they hear the fate of COXEY'S men.

--The end of the tariff discussion may be in sight but the tariff 'oussin' will hang on as long as the iniquitous measures are enacted.

--If the income tax would be unjust to the wealthier is there not the same ground for saying that the present system of taxation is unjust to the poorer classes.

--The re-incarnated BROWNE will have an excellent opportunity of testing the reliability of "his vision" if that Washington Judge sends him to prison. He can flop his wings and fly out.

--BRECKINRIDGE, the old reprobate, is running around through Kentucky comparing himself to DAVID of old, but when the election comes off the people will have compared him to DENNIS of modern times.

--St. Paul, Minn., has elected a Democratic Mayor to succeed a Republican, who was elected last year by a majority of 2,300. This is encouraging news to Pennsylvanians. In fact it makes us feel as though we will give DAN a good shaking up this Fall.

--Mothers above all things teach your children manners. The common courtesies of life cost nothing and are jewels of inestimable value when possessed by children. A well-mannered boy or girl will meet with success often where the surly impudent brother or sister has failed.

--The Governor of North Carolina can now say to the Governor of South Carolina: Come up and take one with me BEN. Prohibition has been declared in force since TILLMAN'S State dispensaries have been closed and the people of South Carolina will drink water for a while at least.

--The good people of DuBoise are mad at the post-office authorities because they have ordered the name of their town to be written hereafter with a little b, as DuBoise. The latter, the offended citizens claim is not half pretentious enough for them. They want a big B, but they will have to do without it. The powers that be have willed otherwise and they will have to let 'er b.

--Let us suppose that the government has fallen into the hands of such men as Governors WAITE, of Colorado, PENNOYER, of Oregon, and Commonwealths KELLY, COXEY and BROWN then let us try to imagine what the result would be. Yet it is just such fellows, at the head of the Populist party, who are trying to get control of the governmental machinery. Imagine if you can what a deplorable condition of things would obtain with such rattle brains in power.

--It took four hundred amendments of more or less importance to buy the support of forty-three Democratic Senators for the WILSON bill and still there is no positive assurance that they will help it through, even after such concessions have been made to the traitors. How men who are supposed to be intelligent enough to represent their States in the higher branch of Congress can afford to take no notice of the will of the people we are at a loss to know. Surely they cannot hope for a re-election.

--The Russian treaty was rushed through the Senate on Wednesday with a rapidity that seems almost dazzling to the people who have been accustomed to watching the tardy procedure of that body. On matters of apparently no importance the Senators try to make believe that they are anxious to get through with the work before them, but on the great and momentous tariff question, upon which the very life of the land depends, they show a laggard disposition that brands them the enemies of industry.

--It is surprising to read of the rights labor arrogates to itself at times. We have every sympathy in the world for oppressed labor, but when it becomes impudent enough to demand inspection of a corporation's books to ascertain whether said corporation is making or losing money and in the former event to strike, we have little care whether it ever receives recognition at the hands of capital or not. This was the demand made by the FULLMAN employees of Chicago, on Wednesday, and they have the audacity to think that the company must leave them have access to its books so they can ascertain a matter that is none of their business.

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The Game Will Turn.

The Republicans have been having a high old time since the government has been in the hands of the present administration. Conditions have existed since then which by misrepresentation could be construed to the disadvantage of the party in power, and which have been eagerly made use of for their own advantage by those recently turned out by the popular verdict.

Unfortunately there is a large class of people who in looking at public affairs can see only that which is immediately presented to their eyes. These people found the Democratic party in power when the financial difficulty and business depression overtook the country, and although that party could not have done anything to produce the condition of affairs, which was evidently the effect of a previously operating cause, this unthinking and easily misled class readily ascribed the difficulty to the change that had occurred in the administration of the government.

The Republicans who have been riotously triumphant in the ruin which they themselves created, gaining a temporary political advantage out of the wreck of business, have had their innings, and now the game will turn. The Democratic tariff will be passed. The exhausted markets and the general needs of the country foretell a vigorous resumption of business. The improved situation will give the lie to those who have charged the Democrats with having caused the "calamity," and the light-headed contingent of voters, who have recently been swelling Republican majorities and whose suffrage is determined by what they see immediately in front of them, will be voting with the party under whose policy and management the country will have recovered its prosperity.

This may not fully happen at the next election. Obstruction tactics will probably so delay the passage of the tariff bill that business will not have fully responded to healthful provisions, and the country will not have had a fair test of its quality, by the time the next election shall occur; but the termination of business uncertainty in consequence of its passage will have a beneficial effect that will be felt at once, and will exert an influence upon public sentiment. The relief will be great and immediate, nor will the people overlook the fact that it was delayed by the desperate expedients of the Republicans for a partisan purpose. These circumstances, although the Democratic tariff will not have had time to fully vindicate itself, will materially interfere with the sweeping victory which the Republicans expect to have at the next election. But it will be later on, in the latter half of CLEVELAND'S administration, that the Democrats will reap at the polls the matured political fruit of tariff reform.

The Dark Lantern in Politics.

Forty years ago the elections in most of the States and cities were swept by an organization which made its appearance in politics as quietly and stealthily as a thief in the night, Know-Nothingism, deriving its strength from oath-bound pledges, and its inspiration from religious bigotry and narrow political objects, carried everything before it, and for a brief period almost paralyzed the great national Democratic party. The expiring Whig organization was merged into this dark-lantern movement and the Repub-

lican party was largely recruited from its shattered ranks after it had gone to pieces under the blows of a triumphant Democracy.

Nearly half a century has passed since that dark political episode, and now history is repeating itself in the appearance of another dark-lantern in the politics of the country. An organization, secret in its movements, oath-bound in its obligations, proscriptive in its designs, and moved by the spirit of religious intolerance, aspires to play the part of the infamous Know-Nothing of forty years ago. It is known as the A. P. A., and following the example of its odious predecessor, which allied itself with the expiring Whig party, this new Know Nothingism is found openly or secretly acting with the Republicans.

The unholy alliance will no doubt meet with temporary success, which in some sections will be of a sweeping character, the same as that which attended the Know Nothing movement in 1854; but it is a matter of history that it took but a year for the American people to arouse themselves against the "dark-lantern oligarchy" which introduced religious bigotry into politics and attempted to rule the country by an oath-bound conspiracy. Under Democratic leadership Know Nothingism was stamped out in a year's time. The same fate awaits this new treason to American liberty, and as certain a defeat will overtake the A. P. A. and its Republican allies.

Pledges Fulfilled.

The progress of Democratic policy during the year in which the Democrats have been in power has been so obstructed and embarrassed by factious and partisan opposition that it would almost look as if very little advance had been made; but by the time the present Congress will have adjourned it will be found that the party will have fulfilled most of its leading pledges.

A year and a half of Democratic administration will show a reversal of the McKINLEY system of tariff taxation, and the adoption of the principle that in the regulation of the fiscal system the interest of the mass is to be preferred to that of the class. The currency will be placed on a sound basis by the repeal of dangerous Republican legislation. Sectional antagonism will be entirely allayed by the expunging of election laws that were intended to keep the ballot in the South under the control of Federal force, and the Treasury in consequence of Democratic economy and retrenchment, will have begun to recover from the depletion to which Republican recklessness and extravagance had subjected it.

These will be found to be achievements of the Democratic party before the CLEVELAND administration has half expired, and they will be unimpeachable proof that the party has kept its faith with the people.

Disatisfied With the Delay.

Businessmen in various parts of the country are urging the Senate to pass the bill without further delay and thus end the uncertainty that is having such an injurious effect upon general business interests. They recognize the fact that a tariff bill will be passed, and condemn the motives that would keep it in suspense for a political object. The business men of Boston have expressed themselves to this effect, and from the other end of the Union the Atlanta Chamber of commerce has made a similar demand on the Senate.

From every part of the Union letters are pouring in upon the obstructive branch of Congress expressing the dissatisfaction that prevails in the business community with the slow progress in passing the tariff bill. The Republican Senators who are playing their political game in this question are beginning to see that they are more likely to lose than to gain votes by it, and they are the more impressed with this fact when they find themselves confronted by the condemnation of the business interests of which they pretend to be the champions. But it is to be seen how long they will allow partisan motives to trifle with the country's prosperity.

--Do you read the WATCHMAN.

A Demand for Equal Rights.

The commander of the Commonwealth army was unable to make his intended speech from the steps of the capitol, as he was prevented from so doing by the police, but he succeeded in distributing a printed address among the crowd which, among other expressions, contained the following:

"Up these steps the lobbyists of trusts and corporations have passed unchallenged on their way to committee rooms, to which way, the representatives of the toiling wealth producers, have been denied. We stand here to-day in behalf of millions of toilers, whose prayers have been unresponded to, and whose opportunities for honest remunerative productive labor has been taken from them by unjust legislation, which protects idlers, speculators and gamblers."

While the Commonwealth leader endeavored to adopt an irregular unlawful and dangerous way of bringing the grievances, real or imaginary, of the "toiling millions" to the attention of Congress, thereby creating a disturbance which it was necessary to suppress, there can be no question to the truth of his assertion that the lobbyists of trusts and corporations have passed up the steps of the capitol unchallenged on their way to committee rooms, and he might have added that they were invited to do so, and had their demands attended to by tariff-making and subsidy-granting Republican Congresses.

This has been the order of congressional preference for years, and now when under such a system of favoritism great business distress has been brought upon the country and the toiling millions are out of employment, it is surprising that COXEY should think that his mob has as good right to go up those steps and bring a pressure to bear upon Congress as had the privileged class who have thronged the lobbies of the capitol and been the recipients of congressional favors?

Of course a mob inroad upon the law making body cannot be tolerated, but from COXEY'S expression about the "lobbyists of trusts and corporations" passing up the capitol steps unchallenged, it is not difficult to see where he got the idea that his crowd of vagrants should be given the same privilege.

It Might Be Better.

The Democratic tariff is inching its way through the Senate, but it is now quite reasonably sure of getting through. It will, however, not be exactly the sort of tariff the Democrats wanted. It will be found to have made too many concessions to the protective policy. Nevertheless, it will be an improvement on the McKINLEY measure inasmuch as there will be a decided reduction of general duties and somewhat of an enlargement of the free list.

The greatest disappointment will be in the continuance of the duty on sugar. This most necessary article of household consumption should be on the free list. No sophistry that can be advanced in support of the idea that a tax on sugar is necessary as a revenue measure can justify the selection of one of the leading necessities as a subject of taxation. It antagonizes the Democratic contention that tariffs are objectionable because they impose exactions upon the necessities of the people. But it appears that the sugar tax has to be continued in order to prevent the bill from being defeated by local interests. It is hardly possible that it is simply a concession to the sugar trust.

The free list, as it will appear in the bill when passed, will not be as extensive as the Democrats hoped it would be. Free wool, of course, will not be a great gain, but the free list will not go much beyond wool. Every earnest and honest tariff reformer expected that it would include in addition to wool, coal, iron ore, lumber, salt, sugar, all chemicals and dye stuffs needed for manufacturing purposes, and in fact every form of raw material used in manufactures. Such unbounded stimulus to our industries will not be accorded by the bill, but it will come in time when amendments to the WILSON bill will make still farther advances in the direction of Free Trade. It should not be forgotten how, after the low Democratic tariff of 1846 had been in operation a few years, its effects were so satisfactory that there was scarcely any opposition in the Congress of 1857 to making it still lower.

May a Similar Extremity Never Repeat It Again.

From the Philadelphia Times.

The citizens' Relief Committee has decided to suspend its relief work at the end of this week partly because many of the unemployed who had to be assisted during the winter are finding employment and have become self-supporting, and partly because it does not propose to remain permanently in the field already occupied by well-established relief organizations. The committee while a permanent one was organized to furnish relief in times of famine, epidemic, disease or disasters by flood or fire. It still proposes to retain this distinctive character, and having done a necessary and timely work in furnishing relief to the unemployed during the past winter it will now wind up its work and await future pressing calls for relief in unexpected emergencies.

Nothing New for Ben.

From the Easton Argus.

It is given out from an authoritative source that ex-President Harrison will not be a candidate for re-nomination for the presidency. The graceful stepping out, however, has a very strong and a very short string tied to it. His declination is subject to withdrawal if the "exigency of the occasion" requires it. It is the old and threadbare political trick. Mr. Harrison would like to have it appear that the office is seeking him. His friend, General New, hopes that this statement early in the game will bring some of the ex-president's friends to him with solicitations to be a candidate. These will be interpreted as the will of the party and the impression spread that the party looks to Mr. Harrison for guidance. There are very few tricks in politics that Mr. Harrison does not understand.

Pensioners Read This.

From the Centre Magnet.

Mrs. Richard Gibbs has returned from her visit to Washington, D. C., which was a very pleasant trip and was at least partly successful in accomplishing her mission. She was very much pleased with her treatment while in that city. One thing she learned as a fact, that is that the administration is not responsible for any injustice that has been done to soldiers in the matter of pensions. It is often accomplished by the misrepresentation of enemies. Testimony of this sort from one who is so earnest in her Republican faith as Mrs. Gibbs is especially convincing.

There Are Some Democrats Alive.

From the Larned Kansas Eagle Optic.

Paul Sorg, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer and once a laboring man of Butler county, Ohio, was, on Tuesday, elected to congress to succeed the late Congressman Houk, of Dayton. Sorg is a democrat and is the bosom friend of ex-Governor James E. Campbell. His majority of 3,500 votes in the district is almost as unprecedented as McKINLEY'S 80,000 majority in the state last fall. Sorg's election is also a slap at Ben Harrison as his opponent, Estes G. Rathbone, was Harrison's fourth assistant postmaster general.

They Will Habitate in Different Climes.

From the New York Sun.

Col. Breckinridge sounded at Lexington the keynote of his campaign for re-nomination to Congress. He is running on the penitent-sinner issue. There is as much humbug and hypocrisy in this plea for votes as there has been in Breckinridge's past life. It is not as a penitent sinner that his man stands before his constituents, but as a detected sinner. There is a great difference between the two kinds of sinners.

Fanaticism Running Wild.

From the York Gazette.

Carl Browne has indignantly refused to permit any ministers to come into COXEY'S camp and advance any heretical ideas to the men to whom he has been preaching the doctrine of his reincarnation. Browne saved them a job and now he saves them from the gospel. The Washington people might as well understand right now that if they want to bring any reform-influences to bear on COXEY'S tramps they will have to do it over Marshal Browne's dead body.

Ah, ha! Here is the Truth for You.

From the Columbia Independent.

Tramps were never so numerous in these parts as they are now. Most of them are clean looking "walkers." They are looking for their share of the "protection" to the workman that McKINLEY promised them. When the Wilson bill is passed they will find the work they seek and the prosperity that should be theirs.

Women Can't Fish so the Men Turn the Sprial Work Over to Them.

From the Millinburg Times.

One of the strange affairs in this life is, that men fish from early morn until late at night and rarely ever become real tired, when they cannot endure a thirty-five minutes sermon or find time to attend the prayer meeting.

Spawls from the Keystone.

--With poison, Miss Lucinda Dull, of Pittsburg, ended her life.

--The Packer mine fire, at Girardville, has not yet been extinguished.

--Berks County farmers say the hot sunshine kills the clover worms.

--A canal boat loaded with coal broke squarely in halves at Phoenixville.

--Speak-easies at the Schuylkill region coal mines are being suppressed.

--Burglars stole \$300 cash from Frank Farne's residence, at Minersville.

--Democratic editors of Missouri will hold a conference at Warren June 7.

--Large quantities of West Virginia coal are now shipped into Pennsylvania.

--The war on slot machines has reached Shamokin, where 100 have been shut up.

--Twenty-two Philadelphia and Reading canal boats are loading at Port Clinton.

--Lightening shocked William Wren, of Shamokin, into unconsciousness for two hours.

--A Philadelphia surgeon went to Pottsville and removed six ribs from J. Setzer's side.

--A count of the school children shows that Pittsburg's population is not increasing.

--Hail on Sunday smashed 5000 window-panes in Mudison Bros.' greenhouse at Pottsville.

--There are 330 cases to be tried at the term of Schuylkill County Court, which opened Monday.

--A fall of coal in a colliery near Pittsburg crushed to death John McQuinn and hurt his helper.

--A ten pound chunk of iron hurled by a bursting machine in a Reading mill killed Christian Gemring.

--Two railroad cars at Palo Alto squeezed to death John Fleeschut, a Philadelphia and Reading employe.

--An explosion of gas in a Pottsville colliery dangerously burned Thomas Shearston and George Iles.

--Walls of a building being demolished at Pittsburg collapsed, injuring Antonio Forbo and Michael Spozetto.

--By the bursting of ammonia pipes in a Pottsville cold storage house, Thomas Baldwin was fatally burned.

--By a premature explosion in a colliery near Hazleton, Martin Sislino was killed and John Wargo injured.

--Wilkesbarre police cleverly recaptured Angelo Matz, who had escaped before being sentenced to the Penitentiary.

--About 300 employes of the Philadelphia Natural Gas Company at Freeport struck Monday on a reduction of wages.

--James O'Brien, an aged Reading citizen, tumbled from a freight car near Spring City, but was not seriously hurt.

--Arrest of Counterfeiter Munchausen at Fremont, O., has uncovered a gang that manufactures coin on a Lake Erie Island.

--The two collieries, near Pottsville, of the Beaumont Coal company were sold at sheriff's sale to Austin Moore for \$100 each.

--At present there are but 31 prisoners in the Northampton county jail, the smallest number at any time during the past six years.

--J. C. Wilburne, who last February killed John Johnson near Wilkesbarre, has been sent to the penitentiary for seven years.

--A verdict of not guilty was rendered Saturday night in the trial at Towanda of M. S. Phinney, charged with the murder of Richard Fitzgerald.

--At the risk of his own life, Thomas C. Barton jumped in front of a rushing express near Easton and dragged from the track two frightened women.

--Edward S. Noll, of Lebanon, has brought suit against the Lebanon Manufacturing Company for \$5,000 damages for injuries received while working there.

--A suit has been begun to make the Pennsylvania Telephone Company pay for a \$25,000 fire at Allentown last year, which was caused by an electric wire.

--At the Sheriff's sale of the Hazleton Plain-Speaker, at Wilkesbarre, the purchaser was Attorney James L. Morris, of Wilkesbarre, and the consideration \$4,000.

--The Renovo News says that E. R. Herbert and W. P. Darrah, of that place while out fishing on Baker's run caught 48 trout, measuring on an average ten inches and weighing twenty-four pounds.

--Two months ago William H. Speicher, 71 years old, employed Miss Sallie M. Umbenhour, 28 years old, to keep house for him at his farm near Reading, and on Saturday night they were married. He was kind to his help.

--The business done in the money-order department of the Pittsburg Post Office during April shows that domestic orders amounting to \$27,731 were issued and remittances from other offices aggregated \$143,883.

--Cyrus S. Gray, who has been in the Allegheny county Register's office for twenty one years and who for seventeen years has been acting Clerk of the Orphan's Court, has resigned to take the place of trust officer for the Pittsburg Fidelity Title and Trust Company.

--The Wilkesbarre Record says: "One of the West Side coal producers is the Forty Fort Coal Company. It operates two collieries, has 1,100 acres of land under perpetual lease and is sinking additional shafts at both collieries in order to operate the Ross and Red Ash veins. They have spent about \$200,000 on these improvements and employ 500 people."

--The Montgomery Mutual Life Insurance Company has refused to pay the amount of the policy--\$5,000--which Harry Wilson had on his hotel in Harbor, recently destroyed by fire, tells the Norris town Register. In 1870 one of the previous owners of the property had additional insurance placed in the Warmintser Company, of Bucks county, it is claimed, without notifying the Montgomery Company. Although every assessment has been paid regularly for the past twenty-seven years, the Montgomery bases its refusal upon a rule which requires the company to be notified of any additional insurance, which amount shall be stamped on the face of the policy.